

means for distributing a particulate onto the shaped tow.

29. The apparatus of Claim 28 wherein said metal faced rollers being smooth, grooved, threaded, textured, or combinations thereof.

30. The apparatus of Claim 28 wherein said rubber faced roller being smooth.

31. The apparatus of Claim 28 wherein said pair of rollers being vertically aligned, one over the other.

32. The apparatus of Claim 28 wherein one said pair or rollers rotates faster than the other pair of rollers.

33. The apparatus of Claim 32 wherein the ratio of the faster roller pair to the other roller pair being in the range of 1 to 2.

Rule 126 ³⁴~~33~~. The apparatus of Claim 33 wherein the ratio of the faster roller pair to the other roller pair being 1.1 to 1.7.

Rule 126 ³⁵~~34~~. The apparatus of Claim 28 further comprising means for shaping the de-registered tow to a substantially rectangular cross-section.

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The apparatus of Claim 28 further comprising means for applying a liquid to the tow.